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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MONSOON SHIPPING AND TRADING LIMITED,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE MINISTRY OF TRADE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF IRAQ,

Defendant.

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STATE OF NEW YORK :
: ss.
COUNTY OF NASSAU :

08 CV 3705 (JSR)

**ATTORNEY'S AFFIDAVIT
THAT DEFENDANT
CANNOT BE FOUND
WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

This affidavit is executed by the attorney for the Plaintiff, MONSOON SHIPPING AND TRADING LIMITED, (hereinafter "MONSOON"), in order to secure the issuance of a Summons and Process of Attachment and Garnishment in the above-entitled, *in personam*, Admiralty cause.

George E. Murray, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am an associate of the firm of Chalos, O'Connor & Duffy LLP representing Plaintiff MONSOON in this case.

2. I have personally inquired or have directed inquiries into the presence of Defendant THE MINISTRY OF TRADE OF THE REPUBLIC (hereinafter "MTRI") in this District.

3. I have personally checked with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, using the Secretary of State's Division of Corporations database, and I have determined that, as of April 16, 2008, the Defendant MTRI is not incorporated pursuant to the laws of New York, is not qualified to conduct business within the State of New York and has not nominated agents for the service of process within New York because the Secretary of State of the State of New York has no records for the Defendant MTRI.

4. I have inquired of Verizon Telephone Company whether the Defendant MTRI can be located within this District. The Verizon Telephone Company has advised me that the Defendant does not have any telephone number listings within this District.

5. I have further consulted with several other telephone directories on the internet, and I have found no telephone listing or address for the Defendant MTRI within this District.

6. I have further made several searches on the internet with various search engines and maritime websites, and I have found no indication that the Defendant MTRI can be found within this District.

7. In that I have been able to determine that the Defendant MTRI is not based in the United States of America and that I have found no indication that the Defendant MTRI can be found within this District, I have formed a good faith belief that the Defendant MTRI does not have sufficient contacts or business activities within this

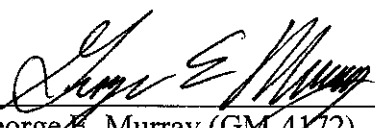
District to defeat maritime attachment under Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty and Maritime Claims as set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

8. It is my belief, based upon my own investigation that the Defendant MTRI cannot be found within this District for the purposes of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: Port Washington, New York
April 17, 2008

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this
April 17, 2008


Notary Public, State of New York

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COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 12, 2008